

About Us

History

The utilization of inmate work crews is recorded as far back as 1908 when inmate labor was utilized to build the Florence Prison. Arizona Correctional Industries was created by the Arizona Legislature in 1969, operating under the acronym "ARCOR" (Arizona Correctional) until 1987, and received appropriated funds to support its operations. In 1987, ARCOR was renamed Arizona Correctional Industries (ACI). Four years later, in 1991, the funding was discontinued and ACI's business enterprise became a financially self-sufficient division of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC); operating entirely without taxpayer funding.

ACI Today

There are several critical areas that contribute to our growth and profitability: safety, social responsibility, inmate training, quality products and services, and strong financial performance, as well as the positive impact on the State of Arizona's economy.

In FY 2011, ACI managed 15 Owned & Operated shops (including bakery, metal fabrication, printing, signage, furniture, etc), and 21 Private Sector Partnerships (providing services for industries for agriculture, in-bound call centers, etc.); inmates provided more than 3.5 million man-hours to these inmate work programs.

ACI continues to seek opportunities through Owned & Operated businesses and Private Sector Partnerships to provide labor and services to fill a void not being met by free-world labor or as an alternative to outsourcing the labor to foreign countries.

